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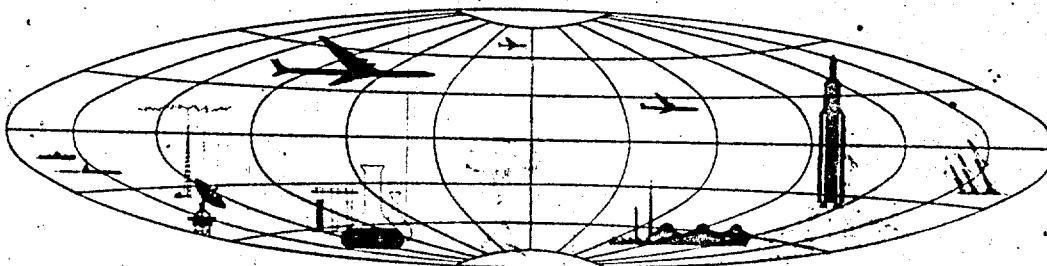
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Launch Points I and II (TDI Site 1)	62-55N 40-27E (I)
	62-55N 40-28E (II)
Launch Point III (TDI Site 2)	62-56N 40-32E
Launch Point IV (TDI Site 3)	62-57N 40-41E
Launch Site A (TDI Site 4)	62-58N 40-47E
Launch Site B (TDI Site 5)	63-03N 40-58E
Launch Site C (TDI Site 6)	63-01N 40-52E
Launch Site D (TDI Site 8)	62-53N 40-50E
Launch Site E (TDI Site 7)	62-50N 40-35E
Launch Site F (None)	62-52N 40-44E
Probable Launch Site G (TDI Site 9)	62-53N 40-51E
Probable Launch Site H (TDI Site 10)	62-53N 40-52E

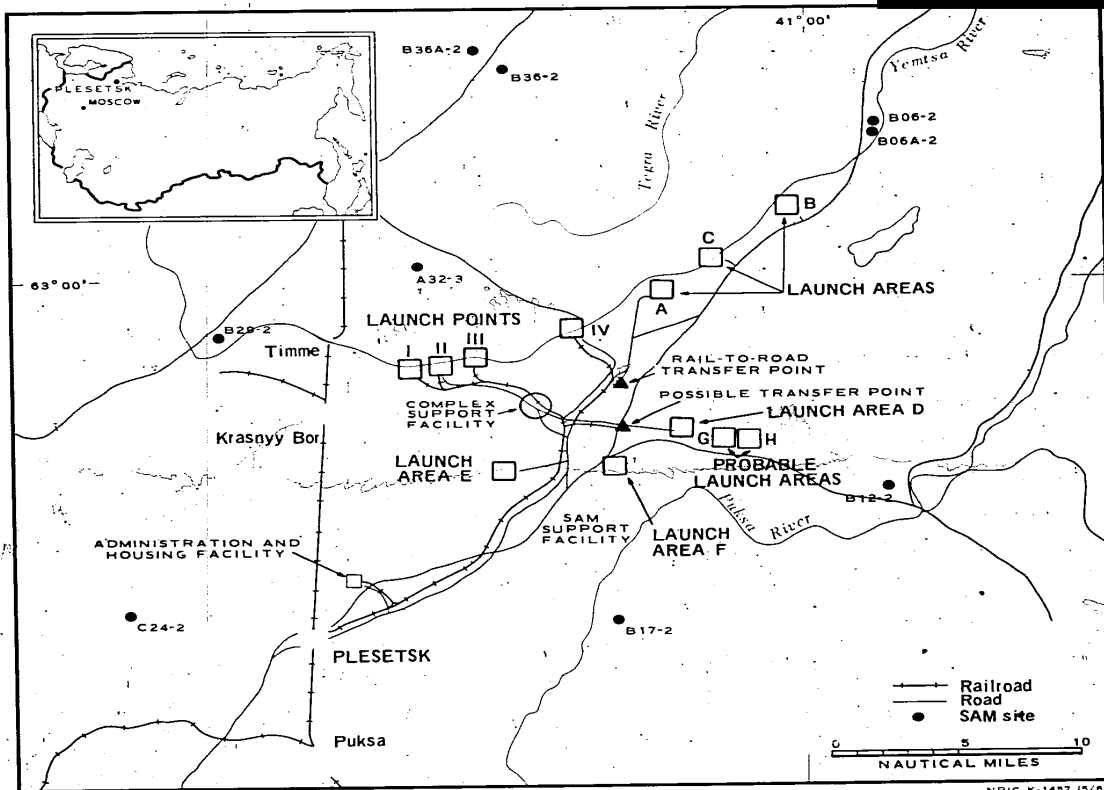


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF COMPLEX.

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Probable Launch Areas G and H are located approximately 5.9 nautical miles (nm) and 6.3 nm, respectively, east-southeast of the complex support facility (Figure 1). They represent the Type 1B mode of Soviet ICBM deployment. Each area was seen for the first time in [REDACTED] when initial clearing and probable security fencing were apparent; each area can be negated 20 days earlier in the same month on [REDACTED]

A common support facility serves both launch sites, and consists of an administration and housing section, a logistical support section, and a motor pool/vehicle park (Figures 2 and 3). The administration and housing section, located approximately 5,000 feet south of Launch Site G, consists of 11 barracks-type buildings, 3 L-shaped buildings, and approximately 23 other buildings of various sizes, 1 of which has a bilevel roof. The logistical support section is centrally located between the 2 launch sites and the administration and housing section. It consists of 20 buildings, including a probable batch plant, 3 probable buildings, at least 2 storage tanks, a mast/stack, and several areas of open storage. A dead-end rail siding containing 4 tracks with a combined length of approximately 2,200 feet is located on the western edge of the logistical support section. The motor pool/vehicle park is located southwest of the logistical support section, about midway between it and the administration and housing section. It contains 4 buildings and a vehicle parking area.

Probable Launch Site G contains a rail-served launch site, apparently in a midstage of

construction. The rail right-of-way approaches the site from the south, bypasses it on the east and terminates north of the site. Approximately 340 feet south of the terminus, it branches to the south to form a "wishbone" pattern which, when complete, will provide rail service to the 2 probable launch positions and the area between them. The launch site consists of a fenced area containing 6 unidentified structures under construction and interconnected by ditching. Four of these structures are aligned on an approximately north-south axis and the other 2, approximately 585 feet apart, lie on opposite sides of this line in previously existing notched excavations. Ditching, containing conduit approximately 10 feet across, connects the 2 outer structures with those on the north-south line. A shallow, rectangular excavation is located just north of the northernmost structure, and several shallow, circular excavations can be seen at various points in the launch site.

Probable Launch Site H, also in a midstage of construction, is located approximately 3,850 feet east-southeast of Probable Launch Site G. It is also fenced, and will be rail served by a "wishbone" pattern of tracks serving the launch site from the north. As at Probable Launch Site G, there are 6 unidentified structures interconnected by ditching at Probable Launch Site H. Conduit is visible in some of the ditching between the structures, but photographic quality will not permit verification of its presence throughout the site. Narrow ditching, connecting Probable Launch Areas G and H, extends from a point near the eastern edge of the northernmost building at Probable Launch Site G to a point just northwest of the northernmost building at Probable Launch Site H.

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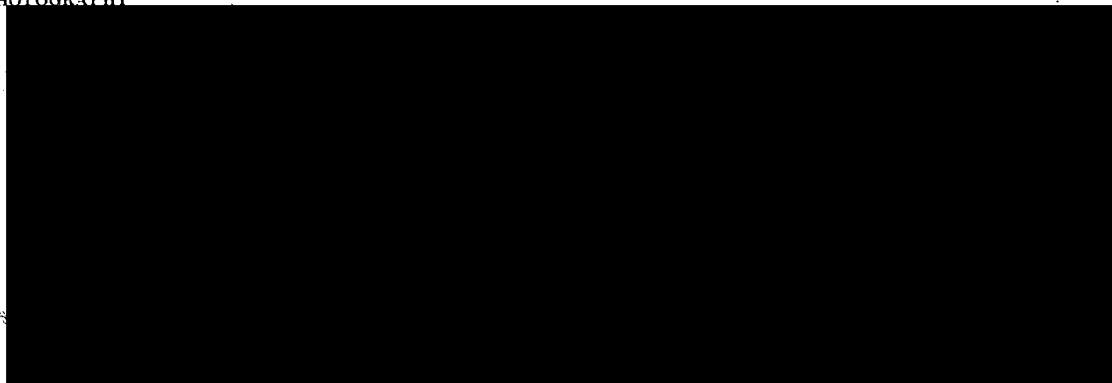
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